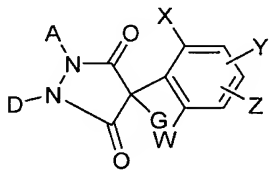
Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

1. (previously presented) A compound of formula (I)



(I)

in which

X represents halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, alkenyloxy, alkylthio, alkylsulphinyl, alkylsulphonyl, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, haloalkenyloxy, nitro or cyano,

Y represents in each case optionally substituted aryl or hetaryl,

W and Z independently of one another represent hydrogen, halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, nitro or cyano,

A represents hydrogen, in each case optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkoxyalkyl, polyalkoxyalkyl, alkylthioalkyl, saturated or unsaturated, optionally substituted cycloalkyl in which optionally at least one ring atom is replaced by a heteroatom, or represents in each case optionally halogen-, alkyl-, haloalkyl-, alkoxy-, haloalkoxy-, cyano- or nitro-substituted aryl, arylalkyl or hetaryl,

D represents hydrogen or an optionally substituted radical from the group consisting of alkyl and alkenyl,

A and D together with the atoms to which they are attached represent a saturated or unsaturated ring which optionally contains at least one heteroatom and which is unsubstituted or substituted in the A,D moiety,

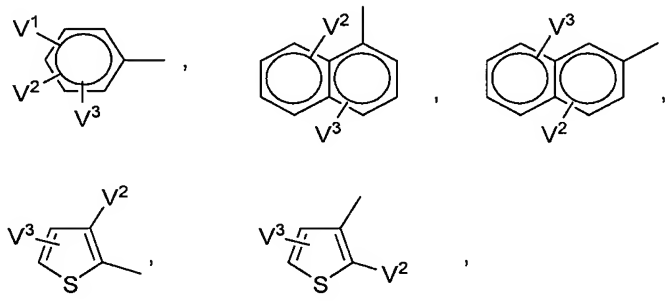
G represents halogen or nitro.

2. (previously presented) The compound of formula (I) according to Claim 1 in which

W represents hydrogen, halogen or C_1-C_6-alkyl,

X represents halogen, C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_1-C_6-haloalkyl, C_1-C_6-alkoxy, C_1-C_6-haloalkoxy or cyano,

Y represents one of the radicals



wherein V^1 represents hydrogen, halogen, C_1-C_{12}-alkyl, C_1-C_6-alkoxy, C_1-C_6-alkylthio, C_1-C_6-alkylsulphinyl, C_1-C_6-alkyl sulphonyl, C_1-C_4-haloalkyl, C_1-C_4-haloalkoxy, nitro, cyano or represents phenyl or phenoxy, each of which is optionally mono- or disubstituted by halogen, C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_1-C_6-alkoxy, C_1-C_4-haloalkyl, C_1-C_4-haloalkoxy, nitro or cyano,

V^2 and V^3 independently of one another represent hydrogen, halogen, C_1-C_6-Alkyl, C_1-C_6-alkoxy, C_1-C_4-haloalkyl or C_1-C_4-haloalkoxy,

Z represents hydrogen, halogen, C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_1-C_6-haloalkyl, C_1-C_6-alkoxy, C_1-C_6-haloalkoxy, nitro or cyano,

A represents in each case optionally halogen-substituted C_1-C_{12}-alkyl, C_3-C_8-alkenyl, C_1-C_{10}-alkoxy-C_1-C_8-alkyl, poly-C_1-C_8-alkoxy-C_1-C_8-alkyl, C_1-C_{10}-alkylthio-C_1-C_6-alkyl, optionally halogen-, C_1-C_6-alkyl-, C_1-C_2-haloalkyl- or C_1-C_6-alkoxy-

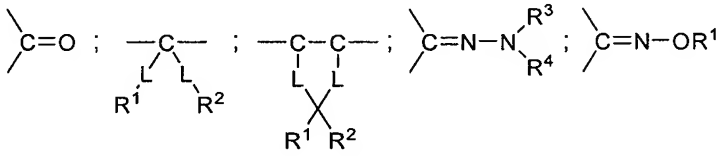
substituted C_3-C_8-cycloalkyl in which optionally one or two not directly adjacent ring members are replaced by oxygen and/or sulphur or represents phenyl or phenyl-C_1-C_6-alkyl, each of which is optionally substituted by halogen, C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_1-C_6-haloalkyl, C_1-C_6-alkoxy, C_1-C_6-haloalkoxy, cyano or nitro,

D represents hydrogen, in each case optionally halogen-substituted C_1-C_{12}-alkyl or C_3-C_8-alkenyl,

A and D together represent in each case optionally substituted C_3-C_6-alkanediyl or C_3-C_6-alkenediyl in which optionally one methylene group is replaced by oxygen or sulphur,

possible substituents being in each case:

hydroxyl, halogen, C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_1-C_4-haloalkyl, C_1-C_6-alkoxy or one of the following groups:

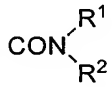


in which

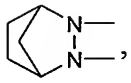
L represents oxygen or sulphur,

R^1, R^2 independently of one another represent C_1-C_6-alkyl,

R^3 represents C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_1-C_6-haloalkyl, optionally halogen-, alkyl-, alkoxy-, haloalkyl-, haloalkoxy-, cyano- or nitro-substituted phenyl or represents the groups

CO_2R^1 or 

R_4 represents hydrogen or C_1-C_4,-alkyl

or represents the group  ,

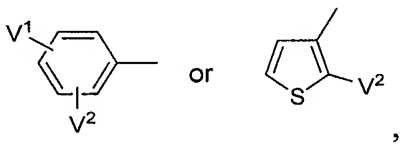
G represents chlorine, bromine or nitro.

3. (previously presented) The compound of formula (I) according to Claim 1 in which

W represents hydrogen, chlorine, bromine or C_1-C_4-alkyl,

X represents fluorine, chlorine, bromine, C_1-C_4-alkyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy, C_1-C_4-haloalkyl, C_1-C_4-haloalkoxy or cyano,

Y represents the radical

 ,

wherein V^1 represents hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_1-C_6-alkylthio, C_1-C_6-alkylsulphonyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy, C_1-C_2-haloalkyl, C_1-C_2-haloalkoxy, nitro or cyano, or represents phenyl or phenoxy, each of which is optionally monosubstituted by chlorine,

wherein V^2 represents hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, C_1-C_4-alkyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy, C_1-C_2-haloalkyl or C_1-C_2-haloalkoxy,

Z represents hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, C_1-C_4-alkyl, C_1-C_2-haloalkyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy or C_1-C_2-haloalkoxy,

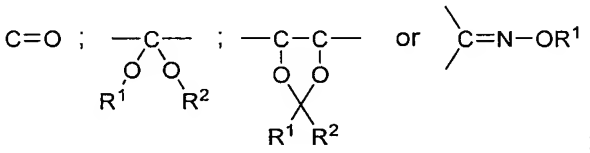
A represents C_1-C_{10}-alkyl, C_3-C_6-alkenyl, C_1-C_8-alkoxy-C_1-C_8-alkyl, each of which is optionally mono- to pentasubstituted by fluorine or chlorine, represents C_3-C_7-cycloalkyl which is optionally mono- or disubstituted by fluorine, chlorine, C_1-C_4-alkyl, trifluoromethyl or C_1-C_4-alkoxy and in which optionally one ring member is replaced by

oxygen or sulphur or represents phenyl or phenyl-C_1-C_4-alkyl, each of which is optionally mono- or disubstituted by fluorine, chlorine, bromine, C_1-C_4-alkyl, C_1-C_4-haloalkyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy or C_1-C_4-haloalkoxy,

D represents hydrogen, represents C_1-C_8-alkyl or C_3-C_6-alkenyl, each of which is optionally mono- to pentasubstituted by fluorine or chlorine,

A and D together represent optionally substituted C_3-C_5-alkanediyl or C_3-C_5-alkenediyl in which optionally one methylene group may be replaced by oxygen or sulphur, possible substituents being hydroxyl, C_1-C_4-alkyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy or the groups:

where



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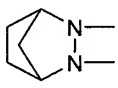
R^1 and R^2 independently of one another represent C_1-C_4-alkyl

or represent the group  ,

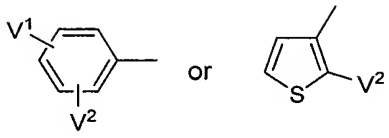
G represents chlorine, bromine or nitro.

4. (previously presented) The compound of formula (1) according to Claim 1 in which

W represents hydrogen, chlorine, methyl or ethyl,

X represents chlorine, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, methoxy, ethoxy, n-propoxy, isopropoxy, trifluoromethyl, difluoromethoxy, trifluoromethoxy or cyano,

Y represents the radical



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V^1 represents hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, isobutyl, tert-butyl, methoxy, ethoxy, n-propoxy, isopropoxy, $SO_2C_2H_5$, SCH_3, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, nitro, cyano, or represents phenoxy which is optionally monosubstituted by chlorine,

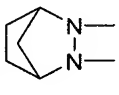
V^2 represents hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, methoxy, ethoxy, trifluoromethyl or trifluoromethoxy,

Z represents hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine or methyl,

A represents C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_3-C_4-alkenyl C_1-C_2-alkoxy-C_1-C_2-alkyl or C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl,

D represents hydrogen, methyl, ethyl or n-propyl,

A, D together represent C_3-C_5-alkanediyl which is optionally substituted by fluorine and/or C_1-C_6-alkyl and in which optionally one carbon atom is replaced by oxygen,

or represent the group 

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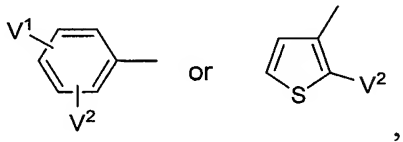
G represents chlorine or bromine.

5. (previously presented) The compound of formula (I) according to Claim 1 in which

W represents hydrogen, methyl or ethyl,

X represents chlorine, methyl or ethyl,

Y represents the radical



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V^1 represents hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, methyl, isopropyl, methoxy, $SO_2C_2H_5$, SCH_3, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, nitro, or represents phenoxy which is optionally monosubstituted by chlorine,

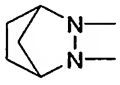
V^2 represents hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, methoxy, or trifluoromethyl,

Z represents hydrogen, or methyl,

A represents C_1-C_6-alkyl,

D represents methyl or ethyl, or

A, D together represent optionally fluorine- and/or methyl-substituted C_3-C_5-alkanediyl in which optionally one carbon atom is replaced by oxygen,

or represent the group 

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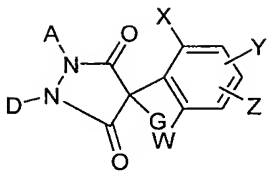
G represents chlorine.

6. (currently amended) ~~Process~~ A process for preparing compounds of the formula (I) according to Claim 1~~, characterized in that~~ comprising, ~~to obtain~~ obtaining

A) compounds of the formula (I)

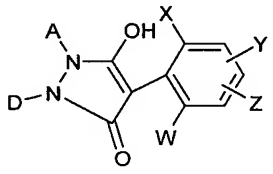


(I)

in which

A, D, W, X, Y and Z, are as defined ~~above~~ in Claim 1 and G represents halogen,

compounds of the formula (II)

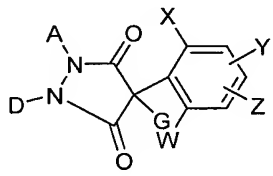


(II)

in which A, D, W, X, Y and Z are as defined ~~above~~ in Claim 1

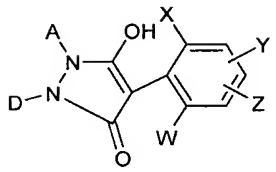
are reacted with halogenating agents in the presence of a solvent and, optionally ~~if appropriate~~, in the presence of a free-radical initiator, or

B) compounds of the formula (I)



(I)

in which A, D, W, X, Y and Z are as defined ~~above~~ in Claim 1 and G represents nitro, compounds of the formula (II)



(II)

in which A, D, W, X, Y and Z are as defined ~~above~~ in Claim 1

are reacted with nitrating agents~~, such as, for example, fuming nitric acid,~~ in the presence of a solvent.

7. (previously presented) A composition for controlling pests, unwanted vegetation and/or unwanted microorganisms comprising at least one compound of the formula (I) according to Claim 1.

8. (currently amended) ~~Method~~ A method for controlling animal pests, unwanted vegetation and/or unwanted microorganisms, comprising ~~characterized in~~ that compounds of the formula (I) according to Claim ~~1~~ 1 are allowed to act on pests, unwanted vegetation, unwanted microorganisms and/or their habitat.

9. (previously cancelled)

10. (previously presented) A process for preparing a composition for controlling pests, unwanted vegetation and/or unwanted microorganisms, comprising mixing a compound of the formula (I) according to Claim 1 with extenders and/or surfactants.

11. (previously cancelled)

12. (previously presented) A composition, comprising an effective amount of a combination of active compounds comprising,

(a') at least one 4-biphenyl-substituted 4-substituted pyrazolidine-3,5-dione derivative of the formula (I) according to claim 1,

and

(b') at least one crop plant compatibility-improving compound from the following group of compounds:

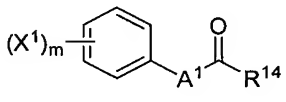
4-dichloroacetyl-l-oxa-4-azaspiro[4.5]decane (AD-67, MON-4660), 1-dichloroacetylhexahydro-3,3,8a-trimethylpyrrolo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-6(2H)-one (dicyclonon, BAS-145138), 4-dichloroacetyl-3,4-dihydro-3-methyl-2H-1,4-benzoxazine (benoxacor), 1-methylhexyl 5-chloroquinoline-8-oxyacetate (cloquintocet-mexyl), 3-(2-chlorobenzyl)-l-(1-methyl-1-phenylethyl)urea (cumyluron), a-(cyanomethoximino)-phenylacetonitrile (cyometrinil), 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4-D), 4-(2,4-dichlorophenoxy)butyric acid (2,4-DB), 1-(1-methyl-l-phenyethyl)-3-(4-methylphenyl)urea (daimuron, dymron), 3,6-dichloro-2-methoxybenzoic acid (dicamba), S-1-methyl 1-phenylethyl piperidine-l-thiocarboxylate (dimepiperate), 2,2-dichloro-N-(2-oxo-2-(2-propenylamino)ethyl)-N-(2-propenyl) acetamide (DKA-24), 2,2-dichloro-N,N-di-2-propenylacetamide (dichlormid), 4,6-dichloro-2-phenylpyrimidine (fenclorim), ethyl 1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-5-trichloromethyl-1H-1,2,4-triazole-3-carboxylate (fenchlorazole-ethyl), phenylmethyl 2-chloro-4-trifluoromethylthiazole 5 -carboxylate (flurazole), 4-chloro-N-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl-methoxy)-α-trifluoroacetophenone oxime (fluxofenim), 3-dichloroacetyl-5-(2-furanyl)-2,2-dimethyloxazolidine (furilazole, MON-13900), ethyl 4,5-dihydro-5,5-diphenyl-3-isoxazolecarboxylate (isoxadifen-ethyl), 1-

(ethoxycarbonyl)-ethyl 3,6-dichloro-2-methoxybenzoate (lactidichlor), (4-chloro-o-tolyloxy)acetic acid (MCPA), 2-(4-chloro-o-tolyloxy)propionic acid (mecoprop), diethyl 1-(2,4-dichorophenyl)-4,5-dihydro-5-methyl-lH-pyrazole-3,5-dicarboxylate (mefenpyr-diethyl), 2-dichloromethyl-2-methyl-1,3-dioxolane (MG-191), 2-propenyl-l-oxa-4-azaspiro[4.5]decane-4-carbodithioate (MG-838), 1,8-naphthalic anhydride, α-(1,3-dioxolan-2-ylmethoximino)phenylacetonitrile (oxabetrinil), 2,2-dichloro-N-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl-methyl)-N-(2-propenyl)acetamide (PPG-1292), 3-dichloroacetyl-2,2-dimethyloxazolidine (R-28725), 3-dichloroacetyl-2,2,5-trimethyloxazolidine (R-29148), 4-(4-chloro-o-tolyl)butyric acid, 4-(4-chlorophenoxy)butyric acid, diphenylmethoxyacetic acid, methyl diphenylmethoxyacetate, ethyl diphenylmethoxyacetate, methyl 1-(2-chlorophenyl)-5-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylate, ethyl 1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-5-methyl-lH-pyrazol-3-carboxylate, ethyl 1-(2,4-dichlorc phenyl)-5-isopropyl-lH-pyrazole-3-carboxylate, ethyl 1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-5-(1,1-dimethylethyl)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylate, ethyl 1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-5-pheny-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylate, ethyl 5-(2,4-dichlorobenzyl)-2-isoxazoline-3-carboxylate, ethyl 5-pheny-2-isoxazoline-3-carboxylate, ethyl 5-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-phenyl-2-isoxazoline-3-carboxylate, 1,3-dimethylbut-1-yl 5-chloroquinoline-8-oxyacetate, 4-allyloxybutyl 5-chloroquinoline-8-oxyacetate, 1-allyloxyprop-2-yl 5-chloroquinoline-8-oxyacetate, methyl 5-chloroquinoxaline-8-oxy-acetate, ethyl 5-chloroquinoline-8-oxyacetate, allyl 5-chloroquinoxaline-8-oxyacetate, 2-oxoprop-1-yl 5-chloroquinoline-8-oxyacetate, diethyl 5-chloroquinoline-8-oxymalonate diallyl 5-chloroquinoxaline-8-oxymalonate, diethyl 5-chloroquinoline-8-oxymalonate, 4-carboxychroman-4-ylacetic acid (AC-304415), 4-chlorophenoxyacetic acid, 3,3'-

dimethyl-4-methoxybenzophenone,1-bromo-4-chloromethylsulphonylbenzene, 1-[4-(N-2-methoxybenzoylsulphamoyl) phenyl]-3-methylurea (also known as N-(2-methoxybenzoyl)-4-[(methylaminocarbonyl: amino]benzenesulphonamide), 1-[4-(N-2-methoxybenzoylsulphamoyl)phenyl]-3,3-di-methylurea, 1-[4-(N-4,5-dimethylbenzoylsulphamoyl)phenyl]-3-methylurea, 1-[4-(N-naphthylsulphamoyl)phenyl]-3,3-dimethylurea, N-(2-methoxy-5-methylbenzoyl)4-(cyclopropylaminocarbonyl)benzenesulphonamide,

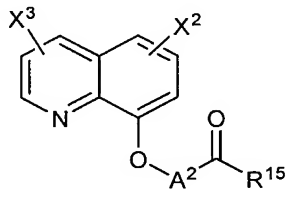
and/or one of the following compounds, defined by general formulae,

of the general formula (IIa)



(IIa)

or of the general formula (IIb)



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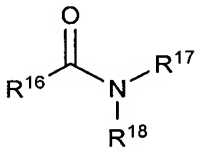
or of the formula (IIc)

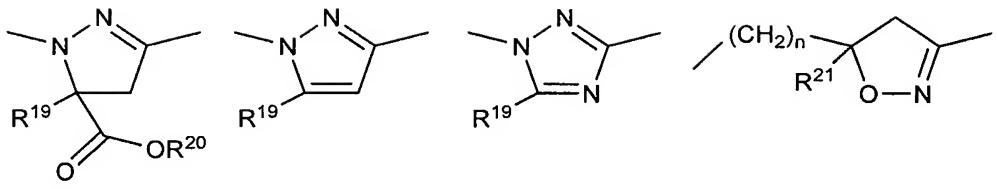


(IIc)

where

m represents a number 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5,

A^1 represents one of the divalent heterocyclic groupings shown below



n represents a number between 0 and 5,

A^2 represents optionally C_1-C_4-alkyl- and/or C_1-C_4-alkoxy-carbonyl- and or C_1-C_4-alkenyloxy-carbonyl- substituted alkanediyl having 1 or 2 carbon atoms,

R^{14} represents hydroxyl, mercapto, amino, C_1-C_6-alkoxy, C_1-C_6-alkylthio, C_1-C_6-alkylamino or di-(C_1-C_4-alkyl)-amino,

R^{15} represents hydroxyl, mercapto, amino, C_1-C_7-alkoxy, C_1-C_6-alkenyloxy, C_1-C_6-alkenyloxy-C_1-C_6alkoxy, C_1-C_6-alkylthio, C_1-C_6-alkylamino or di-(C_1-C_4-alkyl)-amino,

R^{16} represents in each case optionally fluorine-, chlorine- and/or bromine-substituted C_1-C_4-alkyl,

R^{17} represents hydrogen, in each case optionally fluorine-, chlorine- and/or bromine-substituted C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_2-C_6-alkenyl or C_2-C_6-alkynyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy-C_1-C_4-alkyl, dioxolanyl-C_1-C_4-alkyl, furyl, furyl-C_1-C_4-alkyl, thienyl, thiazolyl, piperidinyl, or optionally fluorine-, chlorine- and/or bromine- or C_1-C_4-alkyl-substituted phenyl,

R^{18} represents hydrogen, in each case optionally fluorine-, chlorine- and/or bromine-substituted C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_2-C_6-alkenyl or C_2-C_6-alkynyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy-C_1-C_4-alkyl, dioxolanyl-C_1-C_4-alkyl, furyl, furyl-C_1-C_4-alkyl, thienyl, thiazolyl, piperidinyl, or optionally fluorine-, chlorine- and/or bromine- or C_1-C_4-alkyl-substituted phenyl, R^{17} and R^{18} also together optionally represents C_3-C_6-alkanediyl or C_2-C_5-oxaalkanediyl, each of

which is optionally substituted by C_1-C_4-alkyl, phenyl, furyl, a fused benzene ring or by two substituents which, together with the C atom to which they are attached, form a 5- or 6-membered carbocycle,

R^{19} represents hydrogen, cyano, halogen, or represents in each case optionally fluorine-, chlorine- and/or bromine-substituted C_1-C_4-alkyl, C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl or phenyl,

R^{20} represents hydrogen, optionally hydroxyl-, cyano-, halogen- or C_1-C_4-alkoxysubstituted C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl or tri-(C_1-C_4-alkyl)-silyl,

R^{21} represents hydrogen, cyano, halogen, or represents in each case optionally fluorine-, chlorine- and/or bromine-substituted C_1-C_4-alkyl, C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl or phenyl,

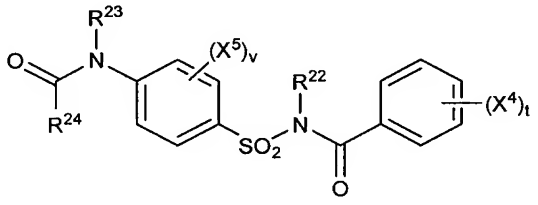
X^1 represents nitro, cyano, halogen, C_1-C_4-alkyl, C_1-C_4-haloalkyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy or C_1-C_4-haloalkoxy,

X^2 represents hydrogen, cyano, nitro, halogen, C_1-C_4-alkyl, C_1-C_4-haloalkyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy or C_1-C_4-haloalkoxy,

X^3 represents hydrogen, cyano, nitro, halogen, C_1-C_4-alkyl, C_1-C_4-haloalkyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy or C_1-C_4-haloalkoxy,

and/or the following compounds, defined by general formulae,

of the general formula (IId)



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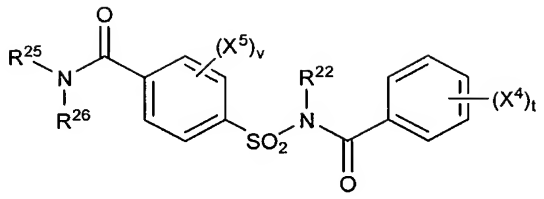
or the general formula (IIe)



(IIe)

where

t represents a number between 0 and 5,

v represents a number between 0 and 5,

R^{22} represents hydrogen or C_1-C_4-alkyl,

R^{23} represents hydrogen or C_1-C_4-alkyl,

R^{24} represents hydrogen, in each case optionally cyano-, halogen- or C_1-C_4-alkoxysubstituted C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_1-C_6-alkoxy, C_1-C_6-alkylthio, C_1,-C_6-alkylamino or di-(C_1-C_4-alkyl)-amino, or in each case optionally cyano-, halogen- or C_1-C_4-alkylsubstituted C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl, C_3-C_6-cycloalkyloxy, C_3-C_6-cycloalkylthio or C_3-C_6-cycloalkylamino,

R^{25} represents hydrogen, optionally cyano-, hydroxyl-, halogen- or C_1-C_4-alkoxysubstituted C_1-C_6-alkyl, in each case optionally cyano-, or halogen-substituted C_3-C_6-alkenyl or C_3-C_6-alkynyl, or optionally cyano-, halogen- or C_1-C_4-alkyl-substituted C_3-C_6-cycloallcyl,

R^{26} represents hydrogen, optionally cyano-, hydroxyl-, halogen- or C_1-C_4-alkoxysubstituted C_1-C_6-alkyl, in each case optionally cyano- or halogen-substituted C_3-C_6-alkenyl or C_3-C_6-alkynyl, optionally cyano-, halogen- or C_1-C_4-alkyl-substituted C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl, or optionally nitro-, cyano-, halogen-, C_1-C_4-alkyl-, C_1-C_4-haloalkyl, C_1-

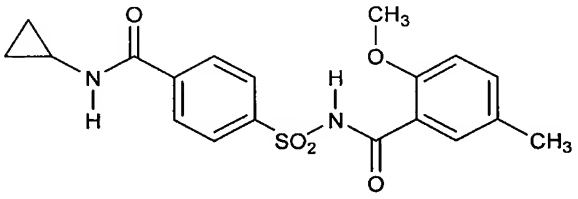
C_4-alkoxy- or C_1-C_4-haloalkoxy-substituted phenyl, or together with R^{32} represents in each case optionally C_1-C_4-alkyl-substituted C_2-C_6-alkanediyl or C_2-C_5-oxaalkanediyl,

X^4 represents nitro, cyano, carboxyl, carbamoyl, formyl, sulphamoyl, hydroxyl, amino, halogen, C_1-C_4-alkyl, C_1-C_4-haloalkyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy or C_1-C_4-haloalkoxy, and

X^5 represents nitro, cyano, carboxyl, carbamoyl, formyl, sulphamoyl, hydroxyl, amino, halogen, C_1-C_4-alkyl, C_1-C_4-haloalkyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy or C_1-C4-haloalkoxy.

13. (previously presented) A composition according to Claim 12, where the crop plant compatibility-improving compound is selected from the group consisting of:

cloquintocet-mexyl, fenchlorazole-ethyl, isoxadifen-ethyl, mefenpyr-diethyl, furilazole, fenclorim, cumyluron, dymron or the compounds



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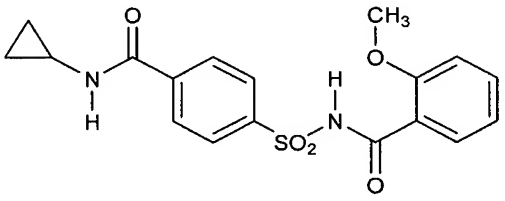

14. (previously presented) A composition according to Claim 12 or 13 where the crop plant compatibility-improving compound is cloquintocet-mexyl or mefenpyr-diethyl.

15. (currently amended) ~~Method~~ A method for controlling unwanted vegetation, ~~characterized in~~ comprising that a composition according to Claim 12 is allowed to react on the plants or their habitat.

16. (previously cancelled)

17. (currently amended) ~~Method~~ A method for controlling unwanted vegetation, ~~characterized in~~ comprising that a compound of the formula (I) according to Claim 1 and the crop plant compatibility-improving compound as set forth in Claim 12 are allowed to act on the plants or their habitat separately, one soon after the other.